<u>WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:</u>

1   1.   A keyboard having keys for receiving input comprising:

2   a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard;

3   a peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a

4 user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user; and,

5   a transparent portion of the keyboard enabling view from the top of the

6 keyboard to the digits of the user at the bottom of the keyboard during the input.

1   2.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2 wherein:

3   the peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a

4 user to receive input at the keys from the digit of the user includes peripheral sensors for

5 detecting the hands supporting the keyboard; and

6   a circuit interconnected between the sensors and the keyboard for activating

7 the keys on the rear side of the keyboard.

1   3.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2 wherein:

3   a key for activating the front side the keyboard only whereby digital input of

4 the keyboard is restricted to the keyboard at the front side when the key for activating is

5 depressed.

1   4.   A keyboard having keys for receiving input comprising:

2   a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard;

3   a peripheral support for enabling keyboard support between the hands of a

4 user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;

5   an electronic device communicating with the keyboard;

6   a display interactive with the electronic device including input from the

7 keyboard;

8   an application program accepting input from the keyboard and having output

9 to the display to indicate function of the application program;

10   an image of the keyboard superimposed upon the application program

11 including individual keys on the display side of the keyboard.

1   5.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   an interface for varying the transparency of the image of the keyboard relative

4   to the application program.

1   6.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   the image of the keyboard superimposed upon the application program

4   includes differentiating the image of individual keys from the remaining keys to indicate

5   proximity of a digit to a key.

1   7.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   the differentiating of the individual key includes differentiating of the key to

4   indicate data input.

1   8 .   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 6 and

2   wherein:

3   the differentiating of the individual key includes differentiating of the key to

4   indicate digital proximity to the key.

1   9.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 6 and

2   wherein:

3   means for superimposing on the image of the keyboard indicia indicating

4   proximity of a digit to the key includes a sensor located proximate the key.

1   10.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2   wherein:

3   the electronic device is attached to the keyboard.

1   11.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   the electronic device is integral to the keyboard.

1   12.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2   wherein:

3   the keyboard includes indentations at the sides thereof for receiving support

4   for the keyboard from the hands of a user.

1   13.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   the keyboard includes indentations at the sides thereof for receiving support

4   for the keyboard from the hands of a user.

1   14.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2   wherein:

3   the keyboard has connections for connections to an electronic device, the

4   connections chosen from the group consisting of direct electrical connections, infrared, and

5   Blue tooth.

1   15.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   means for moving the image of the keyboard relative to the display indicating

4   function of the application program.

1   16.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1 and

2   wherein:

3   the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard

4   includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and

5   a central hinge enabling the first keyboard half to fold overlying the second

6   keyboard half.

1   17.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 4 and

2   wherein:

3   the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard

4   includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and

5   a central hinge enabling the first keyboard half to fold overlying the second

6   keyboard half.

1   18.   The keyboard having keys for receiving input according to claim 1

2   further including:

3   the plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of the keyboard

4   includes a first keyboard half and a second keyboard half; and

5   a central support and display area for electronic appliances is placed between

6   the first keyboard half hand the second keyboard half.

1   19.   A process for input through a keyboard comprising the steps of:

2   providing a keyboard having a plurality of keys for receiving input from either

3   side of a keyboard;

4   providing a peripheral support to enable keyboard support between the hands

5   of a user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;

6   supporting the keyboard between the hands of a user with the digits extending

7   to an underside of the keyboard; and,

8   providing a transparent keyboard to enabling view of the keyboard during the

9   input from either side of the keyboard; and,

10   inputting data to the keyboard with the digits of the user and viewing the digits

11   of the user at the transparent keyboard.

1   20.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 19 the

2   providing of the transparent keyboard includes the further steps of:

3   inputting data to the front of the keyboard.

1   21.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 19

2   wherein this step of providing a plurality of keys includes:

3   providing a plurality of transparent keys; and,

4   imprinting indicia on the transparent keys for enabling identification of the

5   input of the keys from either side of the keyboard.

1   22.   The process for input through a keyboard of claim 19 wherein this step

2   of providing a plurality of keys includes:

3   providing peripheral support about the plurality of keys for receiving input

4   from either side of the keyboard; and,

5   placing palm sensors at the peripheral support; and,

6   activating the keyboard upon the sensors being contacted at the sides of the

7   keyboard.

1   23.   The process for input through a keyboard of claim 19 and wherein the

2   inputting of data to the keyboard includes;

3   detecting the support of the keyboard between the hands of the user; and,

4   enabling the plurality of keys for receiving input from back side of the

5   keyboard to receive input from the underside of the keyboard when support of the keyboard

6   between the hands of the user is detected.

1   24.   A process for input through a keyboard comprising the steps of:

2   providing a plurality of keys for receiving input from either side of a

3   keyboard;

4   providing a peripheral support to enable keyboard support between the hands

5   of a user to receive input at the keys from the digits of the user;

6   supporting the keyboard between the hands of a user with the digits extending

7   to an underside of the keyboard;

8   providing an image of the keyboard on the display having a view from the top

9   of the keyboard during the input, and,

10   inputting data to the keyboard with the digits of the user while holding the

11   keyboard and viewing the display.

1   25.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and

2   including the further steps of:

3   providing an image of the keyboard includes providing indicia indicating input

4   of data at a key.

1   26.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 25 and

2   including the further steps of:

3   providing an image of the keyboard includes providing indicia indicating the

4   proximity of a digit at a key.

1   27.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and

2   including the further steps of:

3   providing an electronic device having a display that receives input from the

4   keyboard and has output indicating the function of an application program running in the

5   electronic device; and,

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6   superimposing an image of the keyboard overlying the output indicating the

7   function of the application program.

1   28.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and

2   including the further steps of:

3   providing the display on an electronic device.

1   29.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 27 and

2   including the further steps of:

3   providing the display integral to the keyboard.

1   30.   The process for input through a keyboard according to claim 24 and

2   wherein the provided display of the keyboard having a view from the top of the keyboard to

3   the digits of the user and includes:

4   providing a first display at the keyboard having a view from the top of the

5   keyboard to indicate the proximity of the digits of the user to the keys; and,

6   providing a second display at the keyboard having a view from the top of the

7   keyboard to indicate the contact at the digits of the user to the keys for input.